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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, please kindly consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are all the claims pending in the application. These claims stand rejected under a second, non-final rejection. Specifically, claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moreno (U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0035515), in view of Cayne et al. (U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0147525).

The basis of the rejection is similar to the rejections provided in the February 18, 2004

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